IV. CALLING ATTENTION TO RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT OF RICE.

திரு. கரு. சீமைச்சாமி: மாவட்ட வழங்கல் அதிகாரிகளின் அனுமதியுடன் ஒரு மாவட்டத்திலிருந்து மற்றதற்கு லாரிகள் மூலம் அரிசி கொண்டு வருவதைச் சோதனையிடுவதன் காரணமாக வணிகர்களுக்கும் பொதுமக்களுக்கும் ஏற்படும் இடர்ப்பாடுகள் குறித்த அவசரப் பொது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த விஷயத்தைக் கனம் உணவு அமைச்சர் அவர்களுடைய கவனத்திற்கு நான் கொண்டுவருகின்றேன்.

* THE HON. SRI NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR : Mr. Speaker, Sir, there were complaints from Madurai and Ramanathapuram districts in the first week of September 1964, that the lorries carrying rice or paddy are being intercepted by the Civil Supplies Officials in the districts of South Arcot, Thanjavur and Tiruchirappalli where the movements originated. It is ascertained from the District Officers that the movements during August and September had to be checked in order to see that the stocks had been declared as per the provisions of the Madras Paddy and Rice (Declaration and Requisition of Stocks) Order, 1964. Wherever, circumstances warranted the stocks were either requisitioned or seized. The movement of rice and paddy was, regulated by the Collector of Thanjavur under the provisions of the above said order in order to see that the requirements of the general public of that district were met with. Wherever undeclared stocks were moved they were requisitioned and distributed to the general public. The authorisations were issued by the Collector, Ramanathapuram, to show that the bearers were bonafide millers and did not entitle them to purchase stocks in violation of the Price Control Order and the Requisitioning Order. This position has continued in Thanjavur district till the beginning of kuruvai harvest. Intensive procurement by the Collectors is in progress in Thanjavur, Tiruchirappalli districts now. Movements from these two districts are regulated by the Collectors concerned with a view to maintaining suppplies locally and to other districts.

V. STATEMENT *re.* CONCESSION SEASON TICKETS IN STATE TRANSPORT BUSES.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to make the following statement :

The scheme of nationalisation of bus transport was first implemented in this State in October 1947 and by June, 1948, the entire bus service in the Madras City was nationalised. The fares then fixed remained unchanged till 1—4—1964 except for a mere conversion of the fares into decimal coinage in 1957. The cost of operation of buses had been increasing steadily owing to the increase in cost of fuel and spare parts, levy of taxes, grant of benefits to workers, etc. A revision of the fare structure became inevitable. After careful consideration, the Government revised the fare structure of the Madras State Transport Department with effect from 1—4—1964.

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Representations have been received by the Government for issue of concession tickets to students for travel in the State Transport buses in the City of Madras. The Government have examined the representations. With a view to provide relief to the students travelling long distances in the State Transport buses in the City, the Government have decided to issue monthly season tickets to the students at a flat rate of Rs. 10 per ticket. The students of the schools recognised by the Director of Public Instruction, Colleges regularly affiliated to the Madras University and technical institutions run by the Department of Technical Education will be eligible to get the season ticket. The season ticket will cover all routes in the city for one up and one down trip daily. Orders for the issue of season tickets will be issued shortly.

VI. GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) The Madras Appropriation (No. 6) Bill, 1964 (L.A. Bill No. 42 of 1964).

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

"That the Madras Appropriation (No. 6) Bill, 1964 (L.A. Bill No. 42 of 1964) be taken into consideration."

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That the Madras Appropriation (No. 6) Bill, 1964 (L.A. Bill No. 42 of 1964) be taken into consideration."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2 and 3 were put and carried.

The Schedule was put and carried.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the long Title were put and carried.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

"That the Madras Appropriation (No. 6) Bill, 1964 (L.A. Bill No. 42 of 1964) be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That the Madras Appropriation (No. 6) Bill, 1964 (L. A. Bill No. 42 of 1964) be passed.

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

(2) The Madras Appropriation (No. 7) Bill, 1964 (L.A. Bill No. 43 of 1964).

The Hon. Sri. M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

"That the Madras Appropriation (No. 7) Bill, 1964 (L.A. Bill No. 43 of 1964) be taken into consideration."